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Two Men Arrested in Connection with Series of Commercial Burglaries During Summer of 2004

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Falls Church Police have arrested two men charging them in connection with a series of five smash and grab style burglaries that occurred at the Eden Shopping Center during the summer of 2004.

Khanh Ngoc Le age 32 and of no fixed address, and Huy Quoc Do age 32, also of no fixed address, were each charged with four counts of burglary and are currently being held in the Arlington County Adult Detention Center awaiting preliminary hearings.

In each case, the perpetrators targeted small businesses, usually with no alarm systems. They would smash out the front door glass, gain entry into the business, take items of value, and flee within a matter of seconds.

Falls Church Police have also obtained warrants for a third individual, identified as Dat Tien Tran, charging him with five counts of burglary in connection with the investigation. Tran was arrested on March 29, 2005 in the District of Columbia and was charged as a fugitive from justice regarding the Falls Church charges. He is currently being held at the District of Columbia jail and is scheduled to appear in court this week for an extradition hearing.

For more information, please contact the Falls Church Police Department at 703-241-5050.

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